

Man drowns at Playground, youth at Kelso park

Despite lengthy attempts to revive him, a Weston man drowned Sunday at Waterfalls Playground near Linthouse. Sheriff Vuletic, 26, drowned while swimming in the quarry at the recreation area. He was alone at the time although an acquaintance was swimming only 12 feet ahead of him.

According to police, Vuletic was seen above the water one minute and was under the next, and could not be rescued.

Vuletic was single.

Const. Gary Corman of the North Halton detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police investigated. An inquest has not yet been called.

As a crowd gathered, repeated attempts were made to revive him. When he was taken away in an ambulance, many of the spectators were of the opinion he would recover.

At Kelso Conservation area last Thursday, a Milton church young people's group swimming party ended in tragedy when Edward De Boer, 18, drowned while trying to swim across the west end of Glen Eden Lake. He was Kelso's second drowning victim.

He was one of 25 young people from Emmanuel Baptist church who arrived at Kelso about 7 p.m. just as the lifeguard was going off for the evening. There were still about 200 people at the beach area.

Friends cautioned the youth against swimming across the lake with them, but he undertook the swim and floundered about 60 feet from shore. Others on the beach who went to attempt the rescue included John McGeachie of Milton, and formerly of Acton.

The water was cold with a current at the point of the accident. It was five hours before the body was recovered, in darkness.

The "No Swimming" signs around the lake are repeatedly ignored, said Kelso superintendent Werner Dehmel. The beach swimming area is roped off with buoys.

In another district mishap, an eight-year-old Hamilton boy drowned in four feet of water at a private park and picnic area west of Aburfoyle. Martin Malevich, a non-swimmer, was visiting the Slovenski park with his father and a brother.

Report new twist to inspector fraud

A new variation on the old bank inspector fraud has already bilked an elderly person in another town of \$400, and Acton O.P.P. has issued another warning to local citizens to beware of these crooks.

Here's how the new plot operates.

A man phones an intended victim, and explains he is a bank inspector. He says he is checking for bad serial numbers on money which is to be gathered up for forwarding back to Ottawa to be destroyed. He says he has sent his employee along to the house, and would the householder please hold the line, as he wants to speak to his assistant when he arrives.

The assistant arrives, is let in to speak on the phone, and then calls the victim back to the phone to talk again to the "inspector."

By now, the bills are out and being looked over for the supposed phoney numbers.

The assistant simply picks them up and leaves forever. In this twist, the victim is kept on the phone almost all the time so he or she has no opportunity to contact anyone else or the police.

"Phone us, regardless of what anybody says," Corp. Ray Mason stresses this week. "Give their license number if possible but phone the police! If a person is legitimate, he won't mind you calling the police."

WITH "PENNY CARNIVAL" day coming up Thursday, playground leaders Mary Ann Freuler, (left) and Sharon Ellerby, (right) were busy painting cones for the ring toss game. Dart games and comic book sales will be other attractions of Thursday's big day. (Staff photo)

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Asks board eliminate religious education from Halton schools

A request that religious education be eliminated from Halton schools was submitted to the County Board of Education Thursday by Charles L. Rea, a father of two young children and Tyler Ave. Acton resident.

Board members agreed to review the present regulations and the present condition of the program in the schools.

In a letter to the Board, Mr. Rea expressed support for the recommendations of the recent McKay report to the Ontario Legislature.

"In making this request I wish to express my firm belief in the principle of the separation of church and state, not so that the state may be unhampered by ethical considerations in its decisions, but on the contrary, so that its moral responsibilities may be clarified."

Noting there are many beliefs to choose from, Mr. Rea suggests that "to give small children the impression that certain beliefs of certain traditions within Christianity represent the one true way, and always have, is a distortion not only of history, but of the present."

Assistant Director D. S. Lawless pointed out the Board must have the permission of the Minister of Education if the program is not to be offered in Halton schools.

Trustee L. Pease suggested the letter was written in a disingenuous tone and "I resent the implication that we are reacting to it. This board is only six months old. I sometimes wonder whose civil liberties are being protected by legislation, the majority or the minority."

Background material on the subject is to be prepared for the trustees for further considerations.



MISS ACTON FAIR, Zenith Armstrong picks a steer in the 1,000 lb. class for Rotarians John Anderson and Gord McKeown from the McNair herd for the big prize in a draw to aid Acton Boy Scouts. Bob McNair has donated a 1,000 lb. steer for a raffie to aid the scouts who are sponsored by Acton Rotary Club under a committee chaired by Mr. Anderson. The tickets are being sold by individuals and in business places all over the town and district. The winner will be announced at Acton Fair this year after the draw by this year's Miss Acton Fair.—(Staff Photo)

Dredge lake swim arm

Rumors rise that dredging on Fairy Lake would be finished before the arm including the swimming area was done were given short shift by Acton's Credit Valley Conservation Authority representative, R. R. Parker.

"It was all a misunderstanding," Mr. Parker told The Free Press.

The dredge will soon be swung around and positioned to work around the swimming arm to a point where the pipeline which runs to Beardmore and Co. will not be disturbed by the mud stirred up by roiling water.

Beardmore and Co. officials were concerned when the project was first introduced that dredging would affect the operation at the Acton plant. They were reassured by conservation officials, however, that the dredge would cease operation at the spot where the water was spoiled for the tanning process.

Most of the dredging has been done in the northern arm of the lake and the large area off the end of the park. Only the swimming arm remains to be done. There will be no dredging beyond the part of the lake known as the old radial bridge.

The contract calls for 400,000 cubic yards of silt to be dredged from the lake. It was first announced that the project would only take a year to finish but this is the third summer the dredge has been working on the \$200,000 job.

Much of the fill dredged from the lake on the Elizabeth Drive side of Lakeview subdivision has been levelled and the Board of Parks Management has ambitious plans to further beautify the land around the water.



CONSTABLE DOUG NOSWORTHY is the newest officer on the Acton O.P.P. detachment, replacing Constable Dave Stafford who left the police to resume farming. A native of Bramford, Constable Nosworthy last served in Simcoe before being posted to Acton.—(Staff Photo)

Green firebrick helps launch moonmen

Acton shared in the first walk on the moon in an oblique manner. Every time a Saturn rocket is launched it takes off from an A. P. Green-lined launching base.

During the last eight years, the Green company which operates a plant and office in Acton, has furnished and installed all of the refractories used in new launch complexes at Cape Kennedy and the Kennedy Space Center in the U.S.A. Three years ago the millionth A. P. Green brick was hammered into place on a Cape area launching base.

Acton plant manager Orv Chapman said that the first rockets were launched from concrete bases and the 4,000 degree temperatures split the base wide open. Other alternatives were tried before it was decided to line the pads with A. P. Green firebrick.

The entire pad covers an area a quarter of a mile square. A flame trench 42 feet deep and 58 feet wide serves to divert the flames away from the immediate area.

Some 60 carloads of A. P. Green refractories, or slightly more than 400,000 brick, were used on the one pad. During installation the brick had to be laid in precise patterns for maximum contact with the wall. A strong epoxy mortar was used to attain the best adhesion possible to prevent the tremendous pressure during blast-off from pulling the brick away from the wall.

Without the refractories the three-foot wall of concrete would have popped like popcorn.

Caught with stolen goods Stoffville man fined \$50

A Stoffville man was arrested, charged and fined following a theft at an Acton store last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Mac Symon had returned to Symon's Hardware store last Tuesday evening to do some work and opened the doors to air out the building. While they were working at the desk behind their paint counter with an adding machine operating, two out-of-town men apparently simply walked in the front door and picked up armloads of items from the gift counters.

Carrying a big lazy susan and glassware, they were seen by a neighbor in a back yard off Mill St. and the police were called. With the assistance of a couple of citizens, Cons. Nosworthy caught up with one man. The second man, from Toronto, was apprehended later.

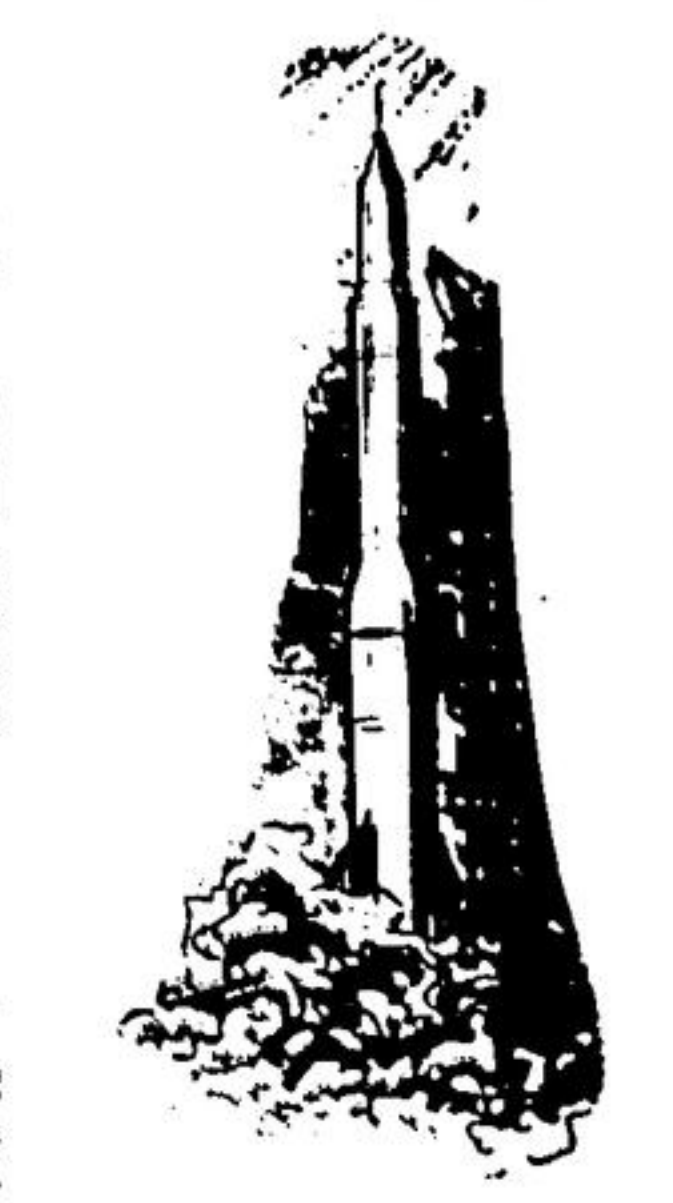
Foster family tends budgie

Seeking asylum? Maybe not—but anyway a turquoise blue budgie bird was found perched forlornly in front of St. Joseph's church on Wednesday of last week.

Mrs. John Bousfield, Church St., took the tiny creature home, and discovered his leg was banded with his number. She informed Acton police, and Cons. Nosworthy called on a few neighbors to see if anyone knew the owners of the bird. He had no luck, so Mrs. Bousfield borrowed a cage and started foster-mothering the orphan. A week later, she still has the bird since no one has reported it lost.

The whole family has become quite attached to it and Mrs. Bousfield and the budgie happily whistle tunes back and forth to each other. He's become quite adapted to his new home and the Bousfields think they would miss their new pet badly if the owner comes for it now!

"They have no other pets, due to family allergies.



A total of six Saturn V rockets have lifted off from the Green-lined launch pads. The pads are bathed in 4,000 degrees temperatures thrusting down at a velocity of 3,000 miles per hour. Some steel companies use temperatures only up to a maximum of 3200-3300 degrees for processing.

Visitor to town office has 15 pairs of legs

The staff in the town office was startled to see a visitor with 15 pairs of legs trotting over the assessment rolls Monday morning.

Although 15 pairs of legs might raise eyebrows in most offices, the visitor's long antennae made its appearance more impressive to the town office staff, inured to a variety of customers from the lowly taxpayer to the big developer.

Assessor Bill Erskine was left to identify the odd-ball since it had wandered into his department. He promptly bottled him up.

At this juncture who should walk in but a Free Press news hound looking for stories in the meaningless vacuum of July.

"Identify this 30-legged visitor then," said receptionist Mrs. Lorna Clark, handing bottle to surprised reporter.

He took the multi-legged taxpayer over to high school vice-principal Joe Bray who took time out from wallpapering to haul his son's microscope out. By this time the guy in the bottle was lying on his back with 30 legs extending up.

Mr. Bray removed him from the bottle gently and laid him on a slide, simultaneously turning pages of a thick text book on the counter. "It could be one of 30,000 things," he muttered.

Positive identification came minutes later after several looks through the microscope.

"This," said Joe Bray, "is a Scutigermorpha, a member of the centipede family. Harmless fellows. Eat spiders and flies. First time I've seen one, though."

It was also the first time the town staff had seen the visitor which, explained Mr. Bray, is not an insect.

It was an unusual visitor.

Approve new roof M. Z. Bennett school

A new \$30,560. roof for the M. Z. Bennett public school was approved by members of the Halton County Board of Education when tenders for the work were received Thursday.

A lower tender amounting to \$27,416 was ruled invalid since it did not contain either the required bid bond or certified cheque.

Constructed in 1957, the school "has a long history of roof problems and repairs and although our records are not complete in this regard, it is estimated a total amount of \$20,000 has been spent on it in repairs since 1959," a report to the Board outlined.

The architectural firm responsible for it is now defunct, according to the report.

The money spent includes patching and reroofing of certain areas, "as well as a complete reroofing as recently as two years ago."

"The situation becomes critical during the spring thaw when water builds up to depths of two inches to three inches in the classrooms and corridors," notes the report.

A consulting engineering firm investigated the situation and concluded the building is structurally safe.

Consultants recommended a light weight concrete topping of the roof reinforced with wire mesh directly on top of the concrete slabs and replacement of all the built up roofing material.

The board also referred the matter to the National Research Council of Canada. A technical representative visited the site and agreed with the recommendations.